

DECISION RECORD AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
ANCHORAGE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize a twenty-five year renewable right-of-way to the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) for a sewer pipeline, pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The right-of-way will be subject to stipulations for right-of-ways (See Stipulations). The area to be included within the right-of-way is the metes and bounds description located within the Seward Meridian, T. 14 N., R. 2 W., Section 11, NW¼ as depicted on the Aerial View and Metes and Bounds Description, dated December 19, 2002.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The lands described in the application are included in the Alaska Southcentral Planning Area Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated March 1980. Objective Number L-1 of the MFP states the BLM intends to "Satisfy state and local government needs as well as public and/or private demonstrated needs for land as they arise."

Issuance of this right-of-way will authorize AWWU to continue to operate the sewer pipeline that transports raw sewage from the communities of Eagle River and Chugiak to the Eagle River Wastewater Treatment Facility. This decision to issue a right-of-way does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The decision will not significantly restrict subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of subsistence resources, alter the distribution of subsistence resources, or limit subsistence user access from currently existing conditions. No further analysis is necessary at this time.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

VI. Monitoring:

Bureau of Land Management staff from the Anchorage Field Office will monitor the right-of-way every five years to assure AWWU complies with the terms of the right-of-way grant.

/s/ Clinton E. Hanson, Acting
Anchorage Field Manager

01-28-03
Date

1 Attachment:

Stipulations (2 pp)